

danger. Unfortunately, this time, the Chinese fighter caused an accident.

This reckless aggression, the forced landing of our disabled plane, and now the holding of our crew and plane as hostages, and now China's belligerence is outrageous. It violates international agreements that China has signed; it damages U.S.-China relations.

President Bush should stand firm and strong and demand an apology from the dictators in Beijing, the immediate return of the American crew and plane. China is at fault on this one.

CHINA TESTING AMERICAN RESOLVE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, after holding 24 Americans as prisoners, China now demands an apology, an apology for spying on a country who has missiles pointed at us. Beam me up. China is now testing American resolve, piece by piece, incident by incident.

Mr. Speaker, we need to tell it like it is. China is trying to determine what Congress and Uncle Sam will do when China attacks Taiwan. That is the way it is, folks. I say the dragon is going too far.

I yield back the fact that an attack on Taiwan is an attack on democracy, and, by God, that should be considered an attack on the United States of America.

SUPPORT CRUCIAL FUNDING FOR RYAN WHITE CARE ACT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, my home State of Florida ranks third in people reporting full-blown AIDS and, in my district of Miami, fourth in the top 10 cities. The lifetime medical cost of one AIDS case is estimated at \$69,000, which means that uninsured or underinsured patients would have little or no recourse for affording treatment if it were not for the Ryan White Care Act.

These programs have been a critical source of care and services for people living and dealing with HIV/AIDS. The Ryan White Care Act provides funding to support a range of HIV care and services, from HIV testing and counseling to prescription drugs and home hospice care. It is founded on a strong partnership between the Federal Government, States and local communities, and it emphasizes less costly outpatient and primary care to prevent expensive emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

The Ryan White Care Act serves approximately 500,000 individuals with HIV and AIDS every year. The reauthorization of this act last October was

a great victory for the AIDS community. It was a victory for America's 400,000 plus families who will lose a loved one this year to AIDS. On their behalf, we ask our colleagues to support crucial funding for the Ryan White Care Act this year.

COMPLETED COUNTING REAFFIRMS BUSH VICTORY

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, even before Vice President Gore conceded the Presidential election, the Democrats talked about counting all of the ballots to see who really won. Well, that task has been accomplished.

The Miami Herald, Knight Ridder and USA Today conducted a comprehensive review of more than 64,000 ballots in all 67 Florida counties. What did this review find? Bush's margin of 537 votes would have increased to 1,665 if all the ballots were counted. This number was reached using the standard of counting every dimple, pinprick or hanging chad as a valid vote.

Under different scenarios, counting chads with two corners detached, or counting dimples for the Presidential election, the verdict was the same: Governor Bush still would have won.

This election was decided conclusively last year. For those who could not accept this fact, there was this fantasy, "What if all the votes had been counted?" The answer remains the same: President George W. Bush.

HANDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, hands are not for hurting. It is a simple phrase and a simple concept, but one that too many never learn.

I rise today to spread the word about the Hands Are Not For Hurting Project started by Ann Kelley, a woman in Salem, Oregon, who is dedicating her life to violence prevention. Ann got the idea that if all children took a pledge that they would not use their hands for hurting and signed that pledge on a purple paper cut-out of their hand, then that simple idea may penetrate. She reasoned that because violence is a learned response, it could be unlearned, and we could teach more peaceful and constructive methods of showing anger or resolving disputes.

Hands Are Not for Hurting is now being used by schools, churches, civic groups and government agencies in more than 20 States. Thousands of young people and adults across this country have taken the pledge to refrain from violence.

Today marks one of the saddest anniversaries in America's recent history. To commemorate the life and goals of

Martin Luther King, Jr., I would like to urge all of my colleagues to spread the word. Hands are instruments that can paint a masterpiece, sculpt a classic, or wipe a tear from a child's face, but hands are not for hurting.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. GRANGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and, unfortunately, child abuse is a very real problem in the United States.

In 1999, 825,000 children were victims of abuse or neglect, a sad and preventable statistic. Mr. Speaker, 825,000 children we cannot afford to turn our backs on. Violence toward one child affects everyone.

Keeping our children safe is a community responsibility because ultimately all of us pay the price for those who grow up in abusive homes by way of increased law enforcement, medical and drug treatment, remedial education, foster care and public assistance.

Child abuse is preventable, and everyone must be involved: neighborhoods, schools, churches, the local government, and the media. Each of us can start by participating in the blue ribbon campaign. It is a tangible way to demonstrate one's concern about child abuse and neglect. So let us wear a ribbon and when someone asks, as I do, what is that ribbon for, instead of just saying that it signifies Child Abuse Prevention Month, let us say, this represents the children who were abused in my community last year. Would you wear one, too, so we will not forget?

Let us remember that children are only 20 percent of our population today, but 100 percent of our future.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(Mr. NEAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to expand and improve pension coverage for low- and moderate-income workers.

My legislation will provide an incentive for these workers to participate in the current pension system and to hopefully stay in the system once the benefits of compounded interest can be clearly seen. For those who believe that we must really do something to encourage savings, this is an ideal piece of legislation.

This bill will allow individuals to receive up to a 50 percent tax credit on voluntary contributions to an individual retirement account or an employer-sponsored pension plan. The maximum credit would be \$1,000 on a \$2,000 contribution and would be refundable so that this incentive to save